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I'm searching for my Donaldson ancestors. I know that my great-grand father is Hugh J. (Johnson) Donaldson. Hugh J. Donaldson had a brother named Elbert that married Delia Smith and a sister named Cynthia Donaldson that married James Burns.

According to the 1880 census, on June 14, Hugh J. Donaldson 35 yrs. old, lived in Lincoln County, Smith Township. He was a farmer and lists his birthplace as Georgia. Living with him is his wife Mary Ann, 36 yrs. old, who was born in North Carolina. Their oldest child, James Will is 13 yrs. old; Hughey, the next child is 7 yrs. old; (My grandfather) John is 5 yrs. old; Chester, (Called Chessley or Chess) is 3 yrs. old; Whitfield (Called Whit) is 8 months old. Other children not listed are Mary, born 16 Oct. 1868, died Nov. 1868; Cynthia, born 17 Jan. 1870, died 18 July 1873; and Sally, wasn't born until 7 April 1883.

Dicy Donaldson, (Who I believe is my great-great-grandmother.) is living in Lincoln County, Cane Creek Township, on 16 June 1880. She is 61 yrs. old, a widow and born in Georgia. Living with her is Batie (or Balie), a son 28 yrs. old; Elbert, 23 yrs. old, a son; and a 20 yr. old daughter named Francis. These three children were born in Georgia. Also living with her and listed as grand-daughters is Fannie Stringfellow 11 yrs. old, born in Ark. and Della Stringfellow 9 yrs old, born in Ark.

Cynthia Donaldson married James Burns 20 Aug. 1871. Their children my family remembers are Francis, Lucy, Matildia and Annie.

Hugh J. Donaldson's brother, Elbert Donaldson married Delia Smith 10 Feb. 1881. Elbert and Delia had Robert Wesley, 27 Dec. 1881; Clyde, 12 April 1886; Emma, 10 Oct. 1888; Ida, 11 March 1891.

Grandpa John Donaldson's brother Hughey, died in 1890. He had never married. His sister, Sallie died 12 Oct. 1892. His oldest brother, James Will Donaldson married Francis Susan Cloud 19 Dec. 1892.

James Will and Susie (Cloud) Donaldson had Iva Lee, Sallie Velma, and Hughey. Both Iva Lee and Sallie Velma died young. Hughey married Alma _____. He was accidently electrocuted on his job and is buried in Saxton Missouri. Hughey and Alma Donaldson did not have any children.

In 1893 and 1894 my great- grand parents, Hugh J. and Mary Ann Donaldson died. I believe grand-pa Hugh J. was killed in a logging accident.

In 1900 Whitfield and Agness (Myhand) Donaldson are living in Drew County, Springhill Township with Frances Ferdinander and Annie (Tucker) Myhand.

John and Edna (Myhand) Donaldson were living in Lincoln County, Smith Township on 2nd of June 1900. They had Annie, who was 1 yr. old and Ila was born in Jan. of that year. About eleven houses away lived Chess and Gertie (Myhand) Donaldson. Chess and Certie had living with them at that time Lois, 1 yr. old; and Cordie was born in May of that year. Both of these girls died young. Cordie is buried at Tyro in Lincoln County, and Lois is buried at Pleasant Springs in Drew County.

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Uncle Chess and Aunt Gertie also had Willie Ottis and Hubert Audrey Donaldson.

Right next door to Uncle Chess and Aunt Gertie lived Sam and Sarah Founder. (Called Uncle Sam and Aunt Sally by my family.) The children living with Sam and Sarah were Porter 13 yrs old, and Sadie 11 yrs. old, also Monts Shurley, 13 yrs old, was listed as a boarder. Other children my family remembers of Uncle Sam and Aunt Sallie's are; Ophelia, who married a Wilson; Richard; Minnie, married a Ferguson; Emma married a Freeman; and a girl that was called "Bob". It is believed that if Sallie was not a sister of Hugh J. Donaldson, she was a sister to Mary Ann, Hugh's wife.

James M. and Cintha (Donaldson) Burns are living in Lincoln County, Cane Creek Township, (Star City) on 6 June 1900. Living with them is Jasper L., 19yrs, born in Texas; Timothy M. 16 yrs. old, born in Ark.; Annie M. 13 yrs old, born in Ark.; Mara M. 10 yrs. old, born in Ark.; Frances A., 9 yrs., born in Ark.; and Susie L., 8 yrs., born in Ark. Cintha (Donaldson) Burns has borne 16 children and 12 are living.

The Edward Donaldson, I found living in Cane Creek Township, Lincoln County, (Star City) 19 June 1900 has got to be Uncle Elbert. He is a farmer, 42 yrs. old, married 19 years, and list his birthplace as Georgia. Delia S., his wife, is 49 yrs old and lists her birthplace as Alabama. Robert W., a son, is 18 yrs old; Clyde, a son is 14 yrs. old; Emma, a daughter, is 12 yrs. old; Ida B., a daughter, is 9 yrs. old; and Arlie M., a daughter is 5 yrs old. Also living with them is Fannie Stringfellow, a neice, 24 yrs. old. His wife and children are right except for Arlie M. who I've heard nothing of until now. Fannie Stringfellow, should be 31 yrs. old if she is the same girl thats listed as a grand-daughter of Dicy Donaldson, in 1880, as I believe her to be. I do not know what happoned to Della Stringfellow. She may have died or married as there is a 20 year span between the census reports.

I am Jerry Mearle (Donaldson) Naron, the oldest daughter of Freddie Ocie Donaldson and Kittye Louise (Burnett) Donaldson. Freddie, my father is a son of John and Edna (Myhand) Donaldson that lived in the Myhand community, Springhill Township, Drew County, Arkansas. The Myhand community is South of Coleman, *ARK.*

Many people I've talked to would like to know about their family history, but don't have the time to do anything about it. I have the time. I'm calling on our family and friends to help. Every little bit of information helps in searching for ancestors and their decendents. If you are a friend or relative please write me; Mrs. Boyd M. Naron, Route 3, Box C-10, Monticello, Arkansas, 71655.

The little bit of family history I've written is subjected to change when I find someone that can correct any errors I've made.

PLEASE HELP ME GET OUR FAMILY TREE TOGETHER.

Thank You Sincerely,

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